

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.
-LUKE 24:6

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH

Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310

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Fr. Jerry Slowinski
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Pastor

Welcome to one and all on this the Feast of Easter! Today is a great day of rejoicing for all of Christianity. The darkness of night gives way to the brightness of the day. Easter serves to remind us that sufferings, sorrow and death do not have the final word. Rather, joy accompanies the light of morning and the discovery of the empty tomb. Death is not the end. The

Resurrection of Jesus Christ testifies to the fact that after we have taken our last physical breath on earth, we do not cease to exist. In fact, just the opposite; our physical death is the beginning of the fullness of life with the Lord. This is news that needs to be shared with all those we come in contact with.

The Archdiocese of Detroit (AoD) is seeking to intensify its efforts to share this good news of the Gospel which we celebrate this day. As some of you are already aware, the AoD is preparing for a synod, which will take place later this year. One particular focus for the upcoming synod involves evangelization. Evangelization is defined as “bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those around us.”

The word “synod” comes from a Greek word which means “an assembly.” *Synod 16* (the official name for this particular gathering) is seeking input from parishes throughout the Archdiocese in order to help plan for ways that will allow people to encounter Christ on a daily basis. In order to get the input from as many parishioners as possible, please consider attending the Synod Dialogue Meeting that we have scheduled on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm and conclude by 3:30pm that afternoon. If you can attend, it would very helpful not only for our parish, but for our Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit. There will be more information about the Synod Dialogue Meeting in bulletin articles over the next few weeks. For now, it is important to know that what is discussed at our meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2016 will be presented at a larger gathering of all parishes which comprise the AoD.

Synod 16 will be the tenth synod since the AoD was established in 1833. The last synod was held over 45 years ago and it spurred much change to the Archdiocese. Parish Councils, Parish Finance Councils, and Vicariate Councils all came into existence as a result of what took place in the late 1960’s.

What the AoD is attempting to do is nothing less than a radical overhaul of the Catholic Church in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties. It is, at this time, difficult to know where the Holy Spirit will lead us as a result of the deliberations that are planned. The hope is much of the conversation will center around how we can make Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, charitable organizations and families more joyfully mission based by bringing the Gospel to the people of Southeastern Michigan.

The Synod is an important step which will allow the faithful to make recommendations to Archbishop Vigneron about transforming our regional church into an evangelizing diocese of missionary disciples. After the Synod has concluded, Archbishop Vigneron will prayerfully consider the recommendations and promulgate those which he feels will help us become joyful missionary disciples of Christ.

Undoubtedly, there is a need to elevate the presence and importance of Jesus Christ in individuals, families, parishes, schools, and Catholic institutions so that the Gospel can be more effectively proclaimed.

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When you look back on the first years of the Church after the Resurrection of the Lord, it is obvious that the natural state of the Church was one of growth. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, Christian communities came into existence throughout the world. To be perfectly honest, we have been living in a time of unnatural deterioration of the Church. The decline in sacramental participation and vocations, as well as the closing of parishes, are unnatural aberrations rooted in an erosion of evangelization. We need to undo some of what we've become as a people of Christ--passive in prioritizing and living our faith, sad about the perceived decline in the importance of God and Church institutions, and accustomed to malaise rooted in believing that there is little that can be done.

Just as we are seeing revitalization in the City of Detroit, we seek to bring about the rebirth of the Catholic Church in metro Detroit.

For all who are attending Mass here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, whether you are a registered parishioner or a visitor, we need to make Easter a reality in our own lives. When we are touched by sorrow, suffering and death, we put our hope in the Resurrection. We share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ—by our dying to sin and rising to new life with the Lord. We are invited to surrender ourselves to the love and the presence of God. Easter is celebrated whenever we allow light and goodness to triumph over darkness and sin. We are always extended mercy and forgiveness by a God who cares for us beyond our wildest imagination. We are loved by God who sent His Son into the world to offer us the gift of salvation and to show us how we are to unselfishly live our lives.

Our faith calls us to relationship. We are called to experience God present in our midst. Christ is present in our midst whenever we reach out to one another in care, concern and love. We find Christ's comforting presence when we support each other in sickness and sorrow (funeral or Anointing of the Sick at Mass). We rejoice in Christ's presence when we celebrate with one another in times of joy and success (weddings, baptisms, First Communion and Confirmation all come to mind).

The Easter Season is celebrated in the Catholic Church for the next fifty days! May the joy of the day extend into the weeks and months ahead. On behalf of the entire pastoral staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, we invite you to be an active and engaged member of our faith community. We stand ready to help you in any way possible. May God bless you with great Easter joy!

HAPPY EASTER!

Academy Cantata Chorale presents:

Spring Reflections

here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Tickets may be purchased at the door
\$15 adult, \$12 senior/student,
or \$30 family.

Discounted advance tickets (\$13/\$10/
\$26) may be purchased in the
Parish Office or by calling the
Cantata Office at
(313) 242-7282

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd & SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd

| | 5:00pm | 9:00am | 11:30am |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Presider | Fr. Jerry | Fr. Jerry | Fr. Jerry |
| Sacristan(s) | Tim & Karen Pawlik | Ray Knapp | MaryAnn Webb |
| Lectors | John Czarski | Charlie Havern | Gary Bjornrud |
| | Lisa Erickson | Geri Miles | Marie Graziano |
| Altar Servers | Matthew Crachiolo | Dennis Kozlowski | Mary Burley |
| | Stephanie Crachiolo | Amanda Dufloor | Kathaleen Burley |
| | Tim Wainz | Sarah Andrzejewski | Raegan Watson |
| Ushers | Team 3 | Assigned | Team 1 |
| Music Leader | IIP/w Melissa | Marge Forbes | Wilma Manuel |

JOIN US AT THE MINISTRY FAIR

Who: YOU!

What: Check out the pages in the bulletin to learn more about the different commissions, committees, and groups here at the parish. The Ministry Fair will give you an opportunity to learn more about them, ask questions, and sign-up if you find something that interests you!

When: Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th after all the Masses

Where: In the Gathering Space

Why: Your gifts and talents are valuable! We want to help you share them here at the parish and in the community at large!

How: Stop by the tables in the Gathering Space to get more information on the different commissions and activities we have here at the parish!

Questions: Contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Everyone has a vocation by virtue of their baptism. Some are called to marriage, some to the single life, and others to the religious life. (Priest, religious sister, or religious brother). These vocations are ways we grow closer to God and use our gifts to serve Him. Please pray for all those discerning their vocations as well as those living out their calls!

We also ask for prayers for our own parishioner who will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on Saturday, May 14th at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral: Dominic Macioce



Please join us on Sunday, May 15th, at the 9:00am Mass for Dominic's Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Jane Frances. A reception will follow as well.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

We have many efforts for evangelization in place here at St. Jane Frances. Evangelization is sharing Jesus with others. What are some ways we are doing that?



We have an Intercessory Prayer team. This group prays for the needs of our parish in addition to praying for local needs. How do they know what to pray for? We have a Prayer Intention Box up by the tabernacle in the Church. You can write your prayer requests on a slip and put it in the box. The team will lift that prayer request up in prayer. You can also drop your prayer requests off in the parish office. Look for prayer teams at the Tuesday evening anointing Mass also. You can have the team pray with you for specific needs and requests.

Also, we have members of the Evangelization Committee on some of our parish commissions. We'd love to have someone on each commission!

If you would like more information on any of our evangelization efforts or want to get involved, please contact Maureen Blair at maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 104.

The Traveling Chalice: A Program of Prayer For Vocations

Parishioners are invited to sign up to take the Traveling Chalice home and display it in a place of honor for a week. They are asked to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Prayers are provided that you can even use! If you would like to participate in *The Traveling Chalice Program*, you can sign up in the Gathering Space or please contact Ray at 586-979-7879.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS — SAVE THE DATE



Each year, we like to take some time to recognize and celebrate **ALL** the volunteers we have at the parish! Does this include you?

You may have volunteered with MCREST, been a Lector, Altar Server, or Eucharistic Minister, or you may help decorate the Church for various seasons. Helping out with the Soup Kitchen Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, or the Giving Tree as well as sharing your gifts with the Music Ministry or being part of a hospitality team may be something you do! These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities here at the parish!

Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party! *The date is Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00pm.* The evening includes dinner, games and entertainment. This year's theme is "Country Western". Dress is casual and outfits inspired by our theme are welcome!

You must sign-up ahead of time though! Be sure to stop in and sign-up! Hope you can make it!



CHRISTIAN SERVICE



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Coffeehouse for the Disabled

We are in need of help on March 30th from 6:00pm-8:30pm to volunteer at the Coffeehouse for the Disabled. We need help with serving dinner, dancing the night away, and clean-up! So if you can cha-cha slide or if you can't...then we need you! This counts for service hours! Just show up, but wear closed-toed shoes and a baseball cap in case you go into the kitchen!



Flint Water Drive

In cooperation with Art Van & CCSEM, we are conducting a water drive **Saturday April 23, 2016—Monday April 25, 2016.** We are asking as many as possible to bring a case (or more) of bottled water to our parish to help those in the Flint Community. More information will be available as the date ap-



Mercy In Action Day October 1, 2016

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is leading a Mercy in Action Service Day, Vicariate Wide on October 1, 2016. It is the hope that every parish will be involved throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. If you are interested in working on this planning committee or volunteering on this day, please contact Debbie Mazur at 586-977-8080, ext. 113.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Parish Health Ministry offers complimentary blood pressure screenings on certain weekends throughout the year. The next weekend is **April 16th & 17th.** Come see a parish nurse before or after 5:00pm Mass on Saturday. Sunday you can come from 8:30am-9:00am or from 10:00am until 11:30am.

Coming June 18-19, 2016



SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Mark your calendars and join the Soup Kitchen Ministry in a variety of ways! We serve at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit as well as St. Pat's Senior Center in Detroit. Volunteers must sign-up in the parish office. You can do this in person or by calling the parish office at 586-977-8080 and asking to be placed on the list. You can also contribute by providing desserts as well as fruit. Monetary donations are appreciated as well (checks made out to St. Jane Frances with "Soup Kitchen Ministry" on the memo line)! Future dates include:

April 23rd, June 25th, September 17th and Thanksgiving for St. Leo's visits as well as May 21st and August 6th for St. Pat's Senior Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Gadzinski at 586-731-4091.

The DENIS Connection: Delivering Encouragement, Nurturing, & Increasing Socialization

This is a ministry to help keep parishioners connected who are homebound or on the prayer list. We are looking for volunteers to make friendly visits, reassuring telephone calls, provide transportation or provide a helping hand. This is a way to be sure they feel a part of our community. If you are interested in being one of our volunteers, please contact the Parish Office. There will be a training on **April 30th from 9:00am-12:00pm** for all volunteers who are interested in connecting with our homebound parishioners. If this is something you may be interested in doing – **we need you** for as much or little time as you can offer! Please contact the parish office at 586-977-8080. Your help can make a difference in someone's life!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on Sunday, May 29th. Three weeks before a scheduled Blood Drive, someone is in the Gathering Space for sign-up or you may register online:



- Visit www.redcrossblood.org
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says "Make a Donation"; and click "Enter a Sponsor Code" which is stjane.
- Click "click here to schedule an appointment to donate"

GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE

On Mother's Day Weekend, members of Right-to-Life from St. Jane Frances will be selling flowers in the gathering space after all Masses. Be sure to take a moment to stop by their table to make a purchase that will help protect the unborn. Thank you!

PROVIDING HELP, GIVING HOPE

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has established a toll free number to connect people to the services they provide: Services include: Behavioral Health, Counseling, Senior Service, Project Hope, Adult Day Care, and so much more. Keep the number for yourself and pass it on to others. The number is: **1-855-88-CCSEM**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society works to help others through compassion and sharing God's love. You can help by:

- Bringing canned goods to the weekend Masses or in the parish office to stock our food pantry.
- Donate gently used clothes and shoes in the blue drop-box in the parking lot.
- Help sort and pack food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas time!

SAVE THE DATE
MCREST—August 21-August 28

MCREST stands for **Macomb Rotating Shelter Team** and was founded to provide temporary emergency shelter to the homeless people in Macomb County. Their goal is to provide guests the opportunity for successful transition to independence. MCREST has over 24 years of continuous service to Macomb County's homeless population and has grown to over 90 churches today. In the coming months, you will have the opportunity to learn more about MCREST and the committees and sub-committees required to fulfill our commitment to this program in the bulletin.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next monthly Grief Support Group Meeting is April 10th from 11:00am -1:00pm. All are welcome who may be suffering from grief. For more information, contact Barb at 586-264-0645.



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EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Education Commission supports the vision that all members, regardless of age or stature, are responsible for passing on the rich faith tradition of the Catholic Church. The Commission is responsible for the implementation, promotion, evaluation of various educational, formational programs and/or opportunities offered for the parish family. Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month from September through May. You can see some of the many happenings that fall under our commission on this page!

**FAITH FORMATION 2016/2017
 NEW
 FAMILY REGISTRATION
 NOW OPEN**

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten in the Fall?



Are you new to the parish or will your child be returning after being away this year?

If so, we are accepting
NEW REGISTRATIONS ONLY
 at this time.

Registration forms can be completed online at sjfparish.org under the education tab and then select 2016-2017 NEW FF registration

If you are currently enrolled in the program registration will be open soon. PLEASE DO NOT complete the online registration form at this time. Registration forms emailed home to current families the week of April 11th.

**Mission 2016
 Reaching Out While
 Crossing Cultures**

On Thursday, March 31st 2016 at 6:30pm in the Fr. Leon Page Activity Center, we will have a meeting for students, parents and young adults that would like information on a mission experience being planned for this July. Our dates for the trip are July 17th - 23rd, 2016 and our location is a parish facility on Manhattan Island in New York City. If you would like more information or cannot make the meeting but are interested, contact us at: mission2016.sjfparish@gmail.com

**Sunday Evening
 Youth Ministry Gatherings**

Each Sunday evening from 6:00pm to 8:15pm, 9th -12th graders are invited to join us in the Fr. Leon Page Activity center for evening of food, friends, fun and faith sharing. Bring a friend and join us. We will not meet Easter Sunday, but come out another Sunday Night for fun.

CYO WORK WEEKEND

Friday, April 15th - Saturday, April 16th we will be making our annual trip up to the CYO Camps to assist the organization with various maintenance and upkeep projects to make the Camps safe and enjoyable for campers and all groups that utilize the Camps throughout the year. Go to sjfparish.org for more information (and forms) to join us.

De Chantal Awards

On Sunday, April 17th, at the 11:30am Mass, we will be recognizing the amazing teens of our Parish that have accomplish something from one of the 8 components of Youth Ministry. To read about the components and/or nominate a teen, go to the website: sjfparish.org and find Youth Ministry (under the Education tab).

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal, or playing cards? Then join our SENIOR Group! SENIORS (55 and older) meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 10:00am until 2:00pm. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 6th!** All meetings include morning refreshment at 9:45am and a lunch served at Noon! Come meet, make and visit with friends! Membership is \$5.00 for the year. A \$4.00 donation is collected at the door every meeting to fund hospitality and lunch. Feel free to check out a couple of meetings before becoming a member.

CAN YOU NEEDLE CRAFT?

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc.? Join us at any of our gatherings to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! Our projects are for different charity organizations. No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us on Mondays from 9:30am until 11:30am OR Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:15pm.

YOUNG ADULTS

To keep up with young adult happenings, join our Facebook group: **St. JAG** or email stjag2010@yahoo.com to join our email list!

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

The Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference is this April 1st and 2nd at St. John Neumann in Canton! You can still sign up! Scholarships are available! Contact Tara for more information on that. You can attend just for part or the whole conference! To register or for more details, please visit: www.2016micyac.eventbrite.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping out at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:15am-2:00pm? Contact Tara at the information above to sign-up or for more details!

MOMS GROUP

The MOMS Group is for moms at the parish. Check the bulletin and parish website for upcoming events!

FAITH AND FITNESS

Check back for more details on our Men's Faith and Fitness Group we are looking to start this summer!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20th-24th
 9:00-12:00pm
 Ages 4-Grade 6

**REGISTRATION
 NOW OPEN!**

Go to WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG to Register or pick one up in the Parish Office

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The Stewardship Commission is about bringing community together and helping people use their time and talents to live out their call to discipleship. We meet the third Thursday of the month from August through May. The Stewardship Commission has different ministries that you can get involved in and has some larger events, like the Ministry Fair or Fish Frys, that we host as well! Check out below for ways to get involved and participate!



HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us on Sunday, April 3rd, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, juice, tea, bagels, donuts, and more! This is a great time to build community and to form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. Hope you can join us!



CAR SHOW

Join us for a Cruise-In on Friday, June 17th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. The proceeds from the evening go to



the Pastoral Outreach Support Fund. Whether you are bringing a car to show or just want to stroll around and check them all out, consider yourself invited!! Concessions will be provided by the Knights of Columbus and we'll have music provided by Rockin' Ronnie! We hope you can join us!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Heavenly Delights (see above) is part of our Hospitality efforts. We also host bigger events, like the Easter Vigil Reception, and provide food and beverages at various parish functions. Another facet of the Hospitality Committee is the Funeral Luncheon Program. Members serve meals for the families of the deceased parish members following the funeral Mass. This takes place in the Fr. Leon Page Activity Center. New volunteers are always needed. If you would be interested in joining the Hospitality Committee, please contact Jody at jgazosjparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

SWIFFERS

In service to the worshipping community, the "Swiffers" come together once a week to clean the worship and gathering spaces. Our goal is to have each team clean once a month. The "Swiffers" usually meet on Thursday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, but other arrangements can be made based on the needs of the team. Because there aren't any meetings to attend, this might be perfect for you! Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

EDEN CLUB

This group is always looking for people of all ages and skill levels to help keep the grounds of our parish looking beautiful. From weeding, planting, and designing the landscape, this group is sure to put a smile on your face. Contact Tara for more information!

WELCOME CENTER

Volunteers stand at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space before and after Mass to greet people as they come to Mass, answer questions they may have, and take their information for inquiries they cannot answer. Volunteers pick the Mass time they would like to help. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to sign-up.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Stewardship Commission is currently planning a few activities for this summer! More details will be coming on all these events in future bulletins!

Join us for an outdoor movie night here at the parish on *Saturday, June 25th*.

We'll be going to a Detroit Tigers' Game Friday, July 15th! Pricing and registration coming soon!

We're planning a summer golf outing for this August!

Stewardship is looking into a Scrap and Stamp crafting evening as well!

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE SUMMARY

Year to Date Information

2015-16 Offertory Budget: \$622,800.00

Amount Collected YTD: \$458,723.00
(July 1, 2015-March 13, 2016)

Weekly Information (3/20/16):

Weekly Offertory: \$12,123.54
Envelopes Returned: 482
Registered Families: 1,483

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2015-16

We have reached our Goal.

Thank you!

Changing Lives Together

Total Pledged: \$568,478.00
Total Paid: \$539,142.00
Refund Issued: \$376,720.00

ONLINE GIVING



We are grateful for your support of our church. We now offer online giving here at the parish. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. You can set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time.

To register, please visit www.osvonlinegiving.com/1795

Contact our business manager, Jody, with any questions!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We want to thank all of our advertisers for advertising in the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin.

We ask parishioners to please patronize the advertisers as they are they are the ones that help make our bulletin possible.

St. Ephrem Happenings

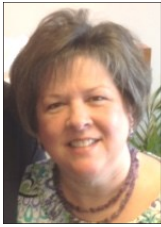
38900 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights

St. Ephrem is our collaboration and cluster partner through the Archdiocese of Detroit.

This allows us to work together on projects as well as maintain activities at our individual campuses. For more information contact their office at 586-264-1230.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:30pm; Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00am



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Our Worship Commission needs YOU!

The members of the Worship Commission have a big responsibility! And we need more members to assist us in our work. The Worship Commission should include representatives of the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Altar Servers, Youth, Seniors, Choir, Funeral Ministers, Knights of Columbus, Art and Environment Committee and members of the community at large. This commission is responsible for promoting the prayer life of the whole parish and as such we need a good cross section of representation!! Members of any of these groups, please consider joining us as a representative of your ministry.

For more information, questions or to join the commission, please contact Maureen Blair, 586-977-8080, x 104; maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com or visit our table at the Ministry Fair on April 9th & 10th following all Masses.



The New Evangelization is unfolding and breathing new life into the Church in Detroit. *Unleash the Gospel* is a major push to change the DNA of the Church in Detroit to one of a Body of Christ on mission. We seek to bring about this change first in our hearts, through an **encounter** with Christ. Then in our homes as we **grow** in our faith. And finally in our culture as we become a **witness** to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why Now?

There is a need to elevate the presence and importance of Christ in individuals, families, parishes, schools, and Catholic institutions to receive the good news, to live it, and to share it with our friends, our families, in our workplaces and beyond.

Just as we are seeing revitalization in our city, we seek to bring about rebirth of the Church in Detroit. **#ResurgetDetroit**

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



What is the Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to be a "special time for the Church" in which Catholics throughout the world recall and celebrate God's mercy. We are convinced that the path of Mercy on which Pope Francis has placed the Church in this journey of the Jubilee will be a moment of true grace for all Christians and a reawakening to the path of the new evangelization and the pastoral conversion the Pope has indicated.

When does the Year of Mercy take place?

The Year of Mercy began on December 8, 2015 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and ends on November 20, 2016 (Feast of Christ the King).

What is mercy?

Mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Suggestions for your Year of Mercy

- ◆ Receive Mercy
- ◆ Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy - for more information visit the Archdiocese of Detroit website: <http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/holy-door-of-mercy/>
- ◆ Go to confession
- ◆ Visit the Divine Mercy Center
- ◆ **Show Mercy**
- ◆ Volunteer with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan
- ◆ Get involved locally
- ◆ **Practice Mercy**
- ◆ Works of Mercy - Corporal | Spiritual
- ◆ Read *Evangelii Gaudium*
- ◆ Put Two Feet of Love in Action - for more information visit the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/two-feet-of-love-in-action.cfm>

DEVOTIONALS

Divine Mercy Prayers

Everyone is invited on April 2nd in observation of Divine Mercy Sunday and on April 30th to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayers following the 5:00pm Mass. These prayers are regularly prayed on the last Sunday of each month following the 5:00pm Mass in the Chapel. Feel free to join even if you are not familiar with the prayers!!

Praying the ROSARY

Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:00pm to pray a Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help, and the Rosary. This prayer helps us to use the Hail Mary to focus on the life of Jesus. Please enter at the Parish Office (Door #2) and proceed to our gathering in the church.

CANDLES

If you have a special prayer intention, you are welcome to light a candle in the Holy Family niche near the back of the church. The candles remain lit for three days. We ask for a donation of \$3.00 per candle, if you are able to help offset the cost of providing them. Please stop in the parish office if you need to add someone to the "Pray for List". Thank you!

Low-Gluten Hosts Available

For our parishioners who have Celiac Disease we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information, or to take part, please contact the parish office at 586-977-8080.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 28
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Tuesday, March 29
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Wednesday, March 30
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Thursday, March 31
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Friday, April 1
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Saturday, April 2
5:00pm For the Parishioners
Dec. Lillian Kogut (Husband)
Dec. Helen Roby (Appleton Family)
Dec. Mary Ann Slanda (Leszczynski Family)

Sunday, April 3
9:00am First Sunday Memorial Association Members
Dec. Jack Taylor (Tom & Judy Taylor)
Dec. Dorothy Hanson (Bob & Joyce Youngert)
Dec. Jane Anne Klik (Pat & Ray Mandziuk)

11:30am Dec. Dila Shkreli (Lize Ljucaj)
Dec. Dila Palokja (Lize Ljucaj)
Dec. Debbie Hart (Lize Ljucaj)
Dec. Tony Angco (St. Jane Frances Ushers Club)

WITH SYMPATHY

The Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal expresses support and sympathy to the family of the one who has died from our parish community:

Rose Medved

Wife of the late Thomas
Mother of Mary and Nancy

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be made in the parish office during regular business hours. This is a way to lift someone up in prayer as a whole parish community. Intentions can be for the deceased as well as in honor of someone. Birthdays, wedding anniversaries, special intentions and anniversaries of special sacraments. We have four intentions per Mass. So be sure to get specific dates as soon as you can. The suggested stipend is \$10.



TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

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| <i>Theresa Bauer</i> | <i>Mary Jarema</i> | <i>William Navalta</i> |
| <i>Marge Bellus</i> | <i>Mary Ann Joly</i> | <i>Kathleen Pawlik</i> |
| <i>Maureen Blair</i> | <i>James Klassen</i> | <i>Matthew Pawlik</i> |
| <i>James Brown</i> | <i>Joan Knapp</i> | <i>Helen Perliskey</i> |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i> | <i>Pat Kniola</i> | <i>Anita Pitlock</i> |
| <i>Vicki Chrzanowski</i> | <i>Frances Kraft</i> | <i>Frank Polizzi</i> |
| <i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr.</i> | <i>Gary Kubicki</i> | <i>Arnold Putrycus</i> |
| <i>Salvatore DeAngelo</i> | <i>Ed Kuhle</i> | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i> |
| <i>Anna DiDonato</i> | <i>John LaRocca</i> | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Kevin Dufoor</i> | <i>Jeffrey Leonardi</i> | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Pam Evanzia</i> | <i>Addison Mathews</i> | <i>Daniel Van Acker</i> |
| <i>Shirley Fasczewski</i> | <i>James Mellon</i> | <i>Mel Werner</i> |
| <i>Scott Gould</i> | <i>Charlotte Miles</i> | <i>Don G. Wisniewski</i> |
| <i>Cindy Graham</i> | | |

Please

pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Services that they may return home safely to family and friends. Remember particularly:

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| Robert Bain | Zack Hoover | Eric Olson |
| Richard Brown | Louis B. Kasper, III | Heather Ann Reo |
| Christopher Burley | Paul Koss | Scot Skoczylas |
| Emir Ciplakovic | Curtis McCoy | Sean Slattery |
| Eric Dillard | Matthew McDowell | Allison Steward |
| Lisa Drake | Donovan John Miller | Carl Winowiecki |
| Joshua Hebert | Danielle Marie Minichello | |

GRADUATION PICTURES

If you will be a high school or college graduate this year (winter or spring commencement), please turn in a picture for our parish graduation insert this spring! Please include your name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin), school, degree and contact information. The pictures will be returned (if requested) after the bulletin insert is distributed. If you would prefer to email the picture, please send it to bulletinsjparish@gmail.com along with the information above. **Pictures are due by Monday, May 23rd.** The Graduation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th, at the 11:30am Mass! Please RSVP by May 25th. You can use the form below to RSVP!

GRADUATION MASS RSVP

Name: _____
School: _____
Number of People Attending: ____
Phone: _____
Email: _____



Come, Encounter Christ!

Join others from the Archdiocese for an amazing event! Each *Come, Encounter Christ!* experience will occur on three consecutive evenings with different themes and dynamic preachers each night – all focused on the true Eucharistic presence of Jesus and how to begin a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Hospitality and refreshments will be available at the end of each evening. There is no need to register – just come and experience the joy of the living Christ!

For more information, check out www.aod.org/encounter

Each evening is from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Some upcoming dates are:

- April 4th-6th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance
- April 11th-13th at St. Therese of Lisieux in Shelby Township
- April 24th-26th at SS. Peter and Paul in Detroit (West side)
- May 2nd and 4th at our cluster partner parish, St. Ephrem in Sterling Heights

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| Weekend Masses | |
| Saturday | 5:00pm |
| Sunday | 9:00am & 11:30am |
| Weekday Masses | |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm |
| Wednesday, Thursday | 8:00am |
| Holy Day Masses As Announced | |

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Copy deadline is Tuesday at 10:00am.

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 8:30pm

(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY CONTACTS

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| Knights of Columbus #13340 | |
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| Steven Gadzinski | 586-731-4091 |
| Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality | |
| Brian Brennan | 586-264-1087 |
| Parish Nurse Ministry | |
| Doreen Corby | 586-977-8080 |
| Seniors | |
| Don Rogowski | 586-977-8080 |

Parish Mission Statement

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

**Readings
Week of March 27, 2016**

The abbreviations read as follows: First is the book name and is followed by the chapter number. The next numbers are the verse you start at and then the verse you read through to finish.

Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118: 1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 7-19; Jn 20:19-31

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 28

Parish Office Closed
No Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, March 29

No Faith Formation Classes
6:00pm Rosary

Wednesday, March 30

6:00pm-8:15on Needle Crafters
6:00pm-8:30pm Coffee House

Thursday, March 31

1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1
6:30pm Mission Trip Parent Meeting

Friday, April 1

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 2

3:15pm Instruments In Praise Rehearsal
5:00pm Mass with Instruments In Praise
6:10pm-6:30pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, April 3

8:30am Adult Choir Meets
9:00am Mass with Adult Choir
10:00am-11:15am-Heavenly Delights
11:30am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:00pm Baptisms
6:00pm-8:00pm-High School Youth Ministry Gathering

VICARIATE WEBSITE

Did you know we are part of the Central Macomb Vicariate? Our vicariate has over 20 parishes in it that all offer events and happenings for all people in the vicariate...including you! Check out the vicariate website at: <http://cmvic.net/> to find out what is going on, learn what the Church teaches on different topics through articles, videos, and more! Would you like it delivered right to your inbox? Then please sign-up for their weekly email list. They send you upcoming events and other pertinent information once a month. You can sign-up for that at: <http://cmvic.net/distribution-list>



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

We hope you've enjoyed worshipping with us! If you would like to become part of our parish, please consider registering! You can stop in the parish office to fill out the form or you can find it on the parish website! You can also find more information on our various ministries and find out how to get involved! Our website is: sjparish.org

If you are a parishioner and any of your contact information has changed (phone number, address, email, etc.), please let us know! This helps us get information to you quickly and accurately! You can contact Jody, our business manager, via our website, calling 586-977-8080, ext. 101 or by emailing us at jgazosjparish@gmail.com

GOT AN IDEA?

Do you have an idea that you feel would benefit St. Jane Frances? Share it with us by filling out a *Got An Idea* form from the parish office or on the parish website. Once you submit your idea, it will go to the proper commission or committee for review. Then we would ask you to help make your idea a success!